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SANTA BARBARA BOTANIC GARDEN

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

MAUNSELL VAN RENSSELAER, DIRECTOR

November 23, 1946
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Dearest Mildred:

Here is a slightly revised second dose. Don't bother to read the report too carefully, but if you have time to glance through it and let your piercing eye find the mistakes and omissions or faults of syntax, you will greatly help your ever devoted colleague and Garden twin.

Beatrice Farrand

per *Katherine Miller*

Mrs. Robert Woods Bliss
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re: Santa Barbara Botanic Garden

REPORT

The gift made last summer by a friend of the Garden is an evidence not only of generous thought and action, but also of belief in the institution and its present and future usefulness to the art of horticulture, the community and the state. The funds added for development of the grounds carry with them an obligation to consider the proposed improvements with care so that the changes contemplated may prove wise and far-sighted rather than temporarily effective and easy to carry out.

The small acreage of the Garden and its topography and the two highroads, (one cutting directly through the property, and the other making its western boundary,) impose conditions to which any design for the area must conform. Further limiting factors are three levels which can not be altered; the first is the established floor-grade of the library; the second is the ground level at the foot of the memorial boulder, and the third is the level of Mission Canyon Road where the future pedestrian entrance is placed. These are the determining elements on which the plan for the working center of the institution must be made. On the recognition of these limits the design must be constructed.

In considering the wise use of land to which the public is welcomed, certain other factors must be taken into account. Easy access for foot passengers and vehicles must be provided and graded walks of pleasant width arranged so that visitors will not only be

